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SUBJECT: HONG KONG INPUT ON NEW REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON ENERGY

REF: STATE 10743

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¶1. (U) In response to reftel, Consulate General Hong Kong provides the following input for reports required under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. No.110-140).

¶2. (SBU) Sections and Staff:

The combined Economic-Political Section (EP), enhanced by regular involvement by the Front Office (XO) and Public Affairs Section (PAS), handles energy matters for the State Department for the Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions. Post also has a Foreign Commercial Service (FCS) office that is very actively engaged on energy-related matters.

XO has 2 FSOs and 2 OMS.

EP Section has 12 FSOs, 1 OMS and 3 LES.

PA Section has 2 FSOs, 1 intern and 13 LES.

FCS has 4 FSOs and 14 LES.

¶3. (SBU) State Employees and Time Spent:

STATE
Consul General (Cunningham): 5 percent
ESTH/Econ Officer (Schrepel): 10 percent
Econ LES (Cheung): 5 percent
PAS Chief (Hutchinson): 10 percent
PAS Deputy (Kreisher): 10 percent
PAS Intern (Quintanilla): 10 percent

COMMERCE
FCS Chief (Ballard) 50 percent
FCS Deputy (Mayfield) 15 percent

¶4. (SBU) Description of Work:

The Consul General spends the majority of his time leading the development of the FCS's innovative Pollution Prevention Energy Efficiency Initiative (P2E2), a program that supports private sector financing for energy efficiency improvements and environmental upgrades to reduce pollution from mainland China factories and power plants.

The ESTH/economic officer, and one economic LES serve as the lead staff on energy-related policy matters in Hong Kong and Macau. These personnel handle the day-to-day tracking and reporting on energy issues including: scheme of control negotiations, energy efficiency and renewable energy implementation, energy and environment policy development,

liaison with private sector and NGO entities, liaison with Hong Kong and Macau Governments, and staff of Consulate principals for energy-related meetings/events.

The Public Affairs officers and intend to facilitate the American Speakers Program, International Visitors Program, and local school/organization outreach on energy and environmental issues. In addition, they develop supporting materials, events, and speeches for Consulate programs such as P2E2.

The FCS serves as the lead staff on commercial energy-related matters in Hong Kong and Macau. Their efforts include: hosting energy-related trade missions and leading reverse trade missions; conference and trade fair participation; business matching; advocacy on behalf of U.S. energy technologies; and the development of the P2E2 program.

¶5. (SBU) Budget:

State Department funds spent by Consulate General Hong Kong in FY 2007 on energy-related activities are as follows:

PERSONNEL (note: reflects true cost, including salary, benefits and training)

STATE

Consul General (Cunningham):	\$ 18,586
ESTH/Econ Officer (Schrepel):	\$ 11,070
Econ LES (Cheung):	\$ 6,378
PAS Chief (Hutchinson):	\$ 22,723
PAS Deputy (Kreisher):	\$ 24,182
PAS Intern (Quintanilla):	\$ 0

STATE TOTAL	\$ 82,939
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COMMERCE

FCS Chief (Ballard)	\$ 97,108
FCS Deputy (Mayfield)	\$ 29,564

POST TOTAL	\$ 209,611
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PROGRAM

De minimus.

¶6. (U) Please advise should additional information be required. Contact at Post is Economic Officer, Dawn Schrepel, schrepeldm@state.gov.
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